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Proposal Submitted by the French Delegation to the Drafting
Committee of the Commission on Human Rights

Whereas the Charter of the United Nations provides in Article 55

that the United Nations "shall promote universal respect for, and

observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without

distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion";

Whereas the General Assembly of the United Nations on 29 January 1946

instructed the Commission on Human Rights to apply those principles,

in particular by the preparation of a bill of human rights;

Whereas, without formulating abstract and philosophical conceptions

on the international plane, it appears relatively easy to find in the

national systems in force the concrete rights that are generally

recognized;

Whereas it also appears possible and necessary to supplement such

a list by a certain number of rights, which, owing to their international

character, are not at present sanctioned by municipal legislation, but

are called for by the progress of international law (right to a

nationality, rights of foreigners);

Whereas future negotiations should make it possible to complete

later the list of such rights and liberties, the observance of which

will also have to be ensured;

The Commission on Human Rights proposes that a resolution of the

General Assembly of the United Nations should note, on the one hand,

the fundamental human rights which form part of the general principles,

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of law recognized by civilized nations, and should recognize, on
the other, certain international human rights which can be accepted
by civilized nations immediately;

And that the General Assembly of 1947 instruct the Commission
on Human Rights to study the constitution of an appropriate international
organ with a view to ensuring effective observance of those rights.

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